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ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE FOR BUILDING CONSTRUCTION
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have decided to bring all major urban projects under the purview of the Environmental Impact Assessment thereby making environmental clearance mandatory for building construction;

(b) if so, the details of orders issued in this regard during the last six months;

(c) the reasons for the issuance of such orders;

(d) whether States were consulted before issuing these orders; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reason therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) & (b): Government have issued a draft amendment on 27th October, 2003 to the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 1994 which proposes to bring construction of new townships, industrial townships, settlement colonies, commercial complexes, hotel complexes, hospitals, office complexes for 1,000 persons and above or discharging sewage of 50,000 litres/day and above or with an investment of Rs.50 crores and above and new industrial estates having an area of 50 hectares and above and the industrial estates irrespective of area, if their pollution potential is high, under the purview of Environmental Impact Assessment.

(c): The above draft notification was issued keeping in view the continuing pollution and deterioration of water quality of lakes, rivers and coastal waters caused due to discharge of untreated domestic sewage and effluents from industrial estates.

(d) & (e): The above draft notification invites objection or suggestions from people including the State Governments within a period of 60 days from the date of its issue.